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THE BATTLE CONTINUES AT TORREON

Rebel Agent at Juarez Announces That It is Bloody and Stubbornly Contested Encounter

HAS BUT SCANTY INFORMATION FROM FRONT

No Official Confirmation of Report That Gen. Velasco Has Made Offer of Conditional Surrender—Villa Will Not Permit Newspaper Correspondents to Send Despatches Until Torreon Has Been Taken—Federal Money Seized.

Juarez, Mexico, March 30.—The rebel and federal forces at Torreon are still engaged in battle, it was learned tonight.

This information came from Robert V. Pesquiera, confidential agent of the constitutionalists in the United States, who recently arrived here from Washington.

Many Rumors Reach Juarez. Senator Pesquiera spent the afternoon and part of the evening in this city investigating various rumors and so-called official reports dealing with the situation at the front. At the conclusion of his investigations he telegraphed a long report to associates in Washington and later talked with newspaper men. The constitutionalist secretary of the Interior, Senator Zubaran, was present at the interview.

Battle Bloody and Stubbornly Fought. They had no facts to divulge, save that fighting continued and that the contest thus far has been bloody and stubbornly contested on both sides.

They stated that no telegram from General Villa had been received, saying that General Velasco had suggested a conditional surrender. They asserted positively, on the other hand, that federal reports of victory were absurd.

Believes Villa Certain of Victory. "I believe that the rebels tonight are making a concerted attack on the federal positions," said Secretary Zubaran. "With what success I do not know, but in the end I believe General Villa is certain of victory. Mexicans are fighting against Mexicans, and the contest is a purely national one. The moral force which in the end will prevail is on our side. Many of the telegrams credited to General Villa have not reached me, but I believe them to be true."

No News Until Torreon is Taken. "Villa is using guns and hand grenades, not typewriters. He sold the correspondents at the advantage, frankly, that they could send no despatches until he had taken Torreon. There have been no such despatches, and the conclusion, said our informant, is that Torreon has not been taken."

Advantage With Rebels. On the other hand every fact at our command shows that the advantage is with us. We have Gomez Palacio and Lerdo and a foothold in Torreon. The story is being told there. We may have the city in a day or a week, but in the end we will have it. We have no details; we know only that our men are fighting the big fight of the revolution, and the advantage thus far is with us."

OFFER OF SURRENDER.

Federal Commander Reported to Have Named Conditions.

Juarez, Mexico, March 30.—No reports of a dominating nature were received from the front today. What purported to be a telegram from Major Roque Gonsales Garza said the taking of Torreon had been accomplished, but it was recalled that last Saturday night General Villa thought it was a matter of minutes.

Later General Carranza stated that General Carranza had received a telegram from Villa to the effect that the rebels had taken all positions in Torreon except the main barracks, which the federalists were still holding, and that General Refugio Velasco, the federal commander, had made a conditional offer of surrender. This, it was said, Villa was considering.

Meanwhile the federal sympathizers in El Paso are deriving great comfort from telegrams sent from Torreon and the City of Mexico. These had it that the rebels had been put to discomfiture from Gomez Palacio, Torreon and Lerdo.

No newspaper despatches were received. The embargo on the sale of liquor was relaxed, and the city after 10 o'clock at night remained.

The Carranza commission appointed to investigate the death of William S. Benton was not ready to report for some time, as Dr. Lora is at Chihuahua attending to the case of the wounded.

TORREON OUT OFF.

Rebel Forces Operating Between Monterey and Torreon for That Purpose.

Eagle Pass, Texas, March 30.—Fugitives who reached Piedras Negras, Mexico, from the vicinity of Monclova today reported that General Murguía had wiped out several bands of federal fugitives from Torreon.

Murguía has been operating between Monterey and Torreon and is reported to have isolated Torreon from all communication with Mexico City and other federal forces at Monterrey and Saltillo.

There has been no communication between Eagle Pass and Torreon over the government telegraph lines for several days. All railroads into Torreon from the east have been cut. General Joaquin Maas, who went to reinforce General Velasco at Torreon, made the trip overland in armored automobiles with his 800 men.

Murguía commands a strong force of constitutionalists who are taking no part in the attack on Torreon, but have been working to prevent any assistance reaching the federalists in the beleaguered city. He recently captured Monclova, confiscating large supplies in the railroad warehouses there, and proceeding south, cut communication with Monterrey from Piedras Negras at Espinazo, ten miles above Reata, a junction point leading to both Monterey and Torreon.

Numerous small bands of constitutionalists are active around Monterey.

MONEY CONFISCATED.

Was on the Way to Guaymas to Pay Federal Soldiers.

Douglas, Ariz., March 30.—The Spanish steamship "Hondur" carrying \$200,000 worth of gold, which was to pay the federal

Cabled Paragraphs

Noted Italian Pianist Dead.

London, March 30.—Tito Matari, the noted Italian pianist, composer and conductor died here tonight, aged 72.

German Aviation Fatality.

Strassburg, Germany, March 30.—Captain Reinhardt was killed today in an airplane accident. He was a passenger on a biplane.

Death of Emile Gentil.

Bordeaux, France, March 30.—Emile Gentil, former commissioner general in the Chari district of the French Congo, and well known as an explorer, died today.

Landslide in Italy.

Venice, Italy, March 30.—A great landslide threatened the villages of Clausio and Villanueva, in the province of Udine. Parts of the villages, which are inhabited by about 3,000 persons each, have already been evacuated.

Prince Henry Sightseeing.

Buenos Aires, March 30.—Prince Henry of Prussia, who arrived here yesterday, with the Princess Henry on the steamer Captain Trafalgar, spent several hours today sightseeing. He was accompanied by the mayor of Buenos Aires.

35,000 Miners on Strike.

Leeds, England, March 30.—Thirty-five thousand coal miners in the Yorkshire pits laid down their tools today, demanding the introduction of a minimum rate of wages. Notices have been handed in by a further 35,000 and these expire at the latest on Thursday, which will bring the total to 70,000.

REPRIEVE FOR THE GUNMEN IS LIKELY.

Governor Glynn Inclined to Favor Petition of Their Counsel.

Albany, N. Y., March 30.—The chances that the four gunmen who are awaiting the execution of the death sentence during the week of April 12 for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, will be granted a respite until after the second trial of former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, tonight set at 10 o'clock, are good.

H. Lionel Kringle, their attorney, filed their petition for a commutation of a respite of their sentence with Governor Glynn today, executive pardon clerk, today, and although Governor Glynn said he had not had time to look into the matter, he is inclined to favor of granting the request for a respite. He declared a commutation of sentence was impossible, but that it will do no particular harm to suspend the execution of the death sentence until the hold the trial, and as much as some facts may be brought out at Becker's new trial which might throw new light on the cases of the gunmen, an executive clemency would only meet the ends of justice.

REPUBLICAN VICTORY IN DANBURY ELECTION.

Democrats Win in But One of the Four Wards of the City.

Danbury, Conn., March 30.—The republicans carried three of the four wards in the city election today, the remaining ward going democratic.

It was an unusual election, as the councilman being elected in each ward and in two of the wards aldermen. A total of 200 votes were cast.

The progressive vote showed a falling off from last year despite the aggressive campaign of that party. Only 130 progressive votes were polled against 200 a year ago. The socialist vote also showed a decrease.

As of today's election the city board will stand eight democrats and four republicans, the democratic majority being due to the holders.

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO. NOT GOING TO BUILD.

Plans for 32 Story Structure Filed Simply as a Precaution.

New York, March 30.—The American Express company, through its first vice president, today filed with the city planning board a plan for a 32 story office building on Lower Broadway. The statement explained that the plan was not intended to be filed last week, merely as a precautionary measure to provide against the possibility of a building of a character which we had in mind."

Steamship Arrivals.

Antwerp, March 27.—Steamer Menominee, Philadelphia.

Lepthorn, March 28.—Steamer Calabria, New York via Naples.

Plymouth, March 29.—Steamers Alauda, Boston via Portland for London; 30th Kronprinzessin Cecilie, New York for Bremen.

Rotterdam, March 29.—Steamer Rotterdam, New York via Ports (returning from cruise).

Glasgow, March 30.—Steamer Columbia, New York.

Liban, March 24.—Steamer Russia, New York.

Naples, March 25.—Steamer Stambulla, New York.

Greenwich, March 26.—Steamer Bremen, New York; 30th, Steamer Bremen, New York; 30th, Steamer Bremen, New York.

Top Line Railroads Protest.

Washington, March 30.—Protesting that interstate commerce commission orders prohibiting the granting of joint rates and other similar orders by interstate railroads is costing so-called top line railroads a million and a half dollars a year, attorneys for these interests today filed a brief in the supreme court urging that the orders be set aside.

To Oust Standard Oil from Ohio.

Columbus, O., March 30.—Judge Dillon of the common pleas court today granted an alternative writ ordering Attorney General Hogan to institute proceedings to oust the Standard Oil company and its subsidiaries, including the Imperial Oil company of Canada, from doing business in Ohio. The case is set for hearing April 20.

Freight Rate Increase Suspended.

Washington, March 30.—Suggested increases of about five cents a hundred pounds in the freight rates on bag and tag board, binders board, printing paper and similar commodities between points on the Boston and Maine railroad were suspended today by the interstate commerce commission until July 30.

Midway Park Inundated.

Middletown, N. Y., March 30.—The Walkkill river tonight is at the highest stage it has reached in several years. Midway Park, a summer resort on the river, is under water.

Appointments by the Bishop

ANNOUNCED AT FINAL SESSION OF CONFERENCE.

SCRIVENER IS RETAINED

Reappointed as Superintendent of Norwich District—Rev. J. H. Newlands

Goes to First Church at Fall River.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

Williamstown, March 30.—The final session of the Methodist conference was held Monday morning at 8.30 and opened with devotional exercises conducted by G. A. Grant. Bishop Hamilton presided over the business session, which began at 9 o'clock. Announcement was made that C. M. Pannell had been transferred to the England conference, and E. P. Hammond to the Oregon conference. Dr. N. B. Nichols of Attleboro was heard for a brief period on the work of that institution.

Resolutions of Thanks.

The balance of the conference committee reported, and resolutions of thanks were adopted, to be sent to Rev. W. O. Nuzum, Rev. J. E. Priestley, the trustees of the local church, and the churches, the local C. A. B. Business Men's Association, the musicians, Mayor D. P. Dunn, the American Thread Co., the post office officials and the press for their full and

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OHIO COAL MINES WILL SHUT DOWN.

Operators Won't Run Them Until They Know Cost of Labor.

Columbus, O., March 30.—Nearly every coal mine in Ohio will shut down tomorrow, throwing more than 35,000 men out of work for an indefinite period. This announcement was made here tonight at the close of a meeting of coal operators at the Hocking Valley, Jackson, Ohio, Pomory, Crooksville and Zanesville coal fields in southern Ohio.

For the action, according to E. A. Cole of Columbus, O., an operator, is that the operators "cannot afford to run the mines without knowing what the coal will cost."

Failure of the operators and miners to agree on a new wage scale brought about the strike.

Hearing on Higher Freight Rates.

Washington, March 30.—Announcing that only three more days will be required by the railroad commission to complete its study of the evidence in support of their application for a 5 per cent. increase in freight rates, Vice President Brown today urged the interstate commerce commission to decide tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday to take the additional evidence in order to facilitate disposition of the case.

FAVORS DROTH ON THE SHAFROTH RESOLUTION.

Mississippi Valley Suffragists Would Keep It in Committee For Awhile

Des Moines, Iowa, March 30.—The Shafroth and Bristow suffrage amendments, now pending before congress, are the subject of a controversy at the Mississippi Valley Suffrage conference which began here today.

Although it had been announced last week that the subject would not be brought up at the present meeting, twenty-five of the women leaders met today to discuss the amendments to the National American Suffrage association was formulated. It was as follows:

"Many members of the Mississippi conference feel that the Shafroth resolution to amend the constitution should be left in committee until after the next convention, so that the amendment would avoid a chance for confusion, which might come were two suffrage resolutions simultaneously before the country and would give time for more consideration of a measure which many of us do not understand and which we want to act on with deliberation."

Tobacco Company Submits Plan.

New York, March 30.—A tentative plan, which the American Tobacco company hopes will be satisfactory to the government was submitted today, it is understood, to H. Snowden Marsh, United States attorney general, here in the federal proceeding against the American Tobacco company under the United States supreme court.

Miners to Remain at Work.

Peoria, Ill., March 30.—The Illinois mine workers will remain at work until a new wage scale is agreed on, the Illinois miners take a referendum vote on the policy outlined by the policy committee of the United Mine Workers here today. The present agreement expires April 1.

"Spooning Parlor" for Girls.

Chicago, March 30.—The building of a girls' club with a "spooning parlor" was discussed today by the committee on women appointed by Mrs. Porter Palmer, former president of the board of lady managers of the 1893 world's fair, to dispose of approximately \$100,000 gained from the sale of souvenirs during the exposition.

Prouty to Be a Progressive.

Montpelier, Vt., March 30.—Charles A. Prouty, former interstate commerce commissioner, signified his intention to accept the progressive nomination for senator, if it is tendered him, in a letter to Charles H. Thompson, national progressive committee man, made public today.

Sick Man Commits Suicide.

Malvern, Mass., March 30.—Arthur E. Perham, assistant inspector in the police department, left a sick bed while his wife was absent tonight and committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. He was 45 years old and had been discouraged over the failure of his physicians to diagnose his malady.

New York to Bermuda Race.

New York, March 30.—The proposed New York to Bermuda aviation race will be held the latter part of June and early in July and will be international in character, it was announced today by the Aero club of America.

1,000,000 Pine Trees Planted.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 30.—The planting of one million pine trees, the first re-forestation work by the state on a large scale, was begun today in Itasca and Crow Wing counties, in the northern part of the state. Most of the trees planted are white pine.

Irish Resting on Their Oars

ARE ALLOWING THE ENGLISH TO FIGHT IT OUT.

IN COMMONS DEBATES

Premier Asquith Creates Surprise by Assuming Post of War Secretary—To Resign from House of Commons.

London, March 30.—After all the many solutions of the government crisis which have been proposed and discussed, Premier Asquith announced a decision to the house of commons today which none of the prophets had expected, or even suggested. The prime minister himself will assume the burden of the war office, in addition to his other and almost crushing duties. He will resign from the house at this critical stage, when the second reading of the home rule bill is about to be taken up, and will appeal for re-election to his constituents in East Fife, Scotland, within a few days.

French and Belgian Persistent.

Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the imperial general staff, and General Sir John Ewart, adjutant general, declined to withdraw their resignations from the war office, and on Friday, which Viscount Haldane cleverly framed as a platform on which the general staff might stand with consistency and honor.

It thus became impossible for Colonel J. E. B. Seely, who was co-signer with French of the ultimatum to Brigadier General Gough that the army would not be used to suppress the Ulster opposition to home rule, to retain the secretaryship of war. His resignation, therefore, was accepted after he had been for some days under fire from newspapers of his own party, which insisted he must go.

A Unique Situation.

Viscount Morley of Blackburn, lord president of the council, who was part of the cabinet in drafting the offending paragraphs of the document, stands in the same position, and his withdrawal from office is expected tomorrow.

These were the events in today's chapter of the continued story which has been creating a high level of excitement and suspense. The present situation is remarkable in that the government nominally will be led by a prime minister and without a leader in the house of commons until the bye-election is held in East Fife. The writ for the election must give eight days' notice and it will probably be issued tomorrow.

The only practical loss to the party members of the cabinet was the resignation of Mr. Asquith's voice from the debates. He will preside over the cabinet meetings and direct manoeuvres in the house of commons, but he will not be a member of the cabinet.

"Oh, I'll be handy if I'm wanted," Mr. Asquith remarked to Andrew Bonar Law, the opposition leader, who thought that the home rule bill could not be proceeded with in the absence of the premier.

"Will I have Salary of \$25,000."

Mr. Asquith apparently counted on one except the king before his bold decision. His colleagues in the cabinet seemed to be as surprised as the other members of the house when he revealed his plans. Mr. Asquith is already first lord of the treasury, which office he has held since 1905. If he had merely shifted from one office to another, the resignation of his seat in the house of commons would not have been necessary, but he has decided to take a new salary, \$25,000.

The political seers gather that Mr. Asquith is in a fighting mood.

Letting the English Fight.

Both houses today debated the situation at great length, but the debates simmered down into mere assertions of the fact that the English are not to let the Ulster covenanters, with denials and counter-denials and heated personalities.

No member of the Irish nationalist party, of which John E. Redmond is the leader, uttered a word in support of the Ulstermen.

STABBED HIMSELF AND LEAPED FROM WINDOW.

Insane Man Makes Double Attempt to End His Life.

Suffield, Conn., March 30.—Becoming suddenly violently insane, Edl Champany stabbed himself today at his home in Suffield, and then, jumping upstairs, jumped through a second story window, carrying the window sash to the ground with him. He was picked up unconscious, but soon revived. An examination showed that neither stab wounds nor his leap indicated serious injury, and upon him after a hearing tonight, Judge Selectman George Harmon ordered him committed to the Connecticut hospital for the insane at Middletown. He will be taken there tomorrow.

To Define Federal Reserve Districts.

Washington, March 30.—After three months of consideration, the reserve bank organization committee, Secretaries McAdoo and Houston and Comptroller of the Currency, Williams, charged with laying the groundwork for the new currency system—is about ready to define geographically the limits of the federal reserve districts into which the continental United States is to be divided for banking purposes, and at the same time name the cities in each district where reserve banks are to be located.

Suffragists' Challenge Declined.

New Haven, Conn., March 30.—The winning anti-suffrage team of Yale debaters in the recent triangular Yale-Harvard and Princeton debate on woman suffrage decided tonight, it was learned, to decline the challenge sent to them last Saturday by the New York State Suffrage association to debate woman suffrage with members of that association.

Steamers Reported by Wireless.

Stable Island, N. S., March 30.—Steamer Marquette, Antwerp for Boston, was reported by wireless 800 miles from Boston at 5 p. m.

Siasconnet, Mass., March 30.—Steamer Minneapolis, London for New York, signalled 345 miles east of Sandy Hook at 6 p. m. Dock 8.30 a. m. Wednesday.

Condensed Telegrams

Lillian Creek, 13 years old, of Kansas City, Mo., was married to Lawrence McGrail, 27 years old.

Mrs. Lulu B. Burt, a policewoman of the Chicago force, was awarded a gold medal for efficiency in revolver shooting.

A New Haven Concern has been given the contract by the secretary of state for printing the state automobile register.

The City Council at Lebanon, Ore., has passed an ordinance making it a misdemeanor to use tobacco in any form in the city.

Actual Work of Constructing the great white marble national memorial to Abraham Lincoln was begun at Washington yesterday.

Miss Margaret Hodge and Miss Dorothy Pethick, two militant disciples of Miss Lankhurst arrived in New York yesterday from England.

Dr. Eugene West, a Physician of Orange, N. J., died 24 hours after he was stricken with scarlet fever, contracted from the second wife of a patient.

Thomas Cox Assistant Engineer of No. 3 Engine Company of Bridgeport, died of scarlet fever yesterday, and died in a few minutes.

George W. Hill, for many years a prominent official of the agricultural department, died yesterday after a protracted illness at Franklin, Va.

Major General J. Franklin Bell will turn over command of the Philippine division to Major General Barry April 15, and return to the United States.

Moving Pictures Illustrating the evil of drugs will be shown to convicts in the Tombs prison, New York, by Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt in her vice crusade.

Exceeding \$1,250,000 his expenditures on art this season, P. A. B. Widener, of Philadelphia has acquired 25 superb pieces of Chinese porcelain for \$300,000.

The H. & J. Brewer Co. of Springfield, dealers in druggists' supplies, filed a petition in bankruptcy yesterday showing liabilities of \$216,219 and assets of \$433,068.

Mrs. Octavia L. Walley, 27 years old, had her right leg cut off yesterday by a mysterious explosion in a laundry in the laundry of Frank E. Sessions at Worcester.

Under supervision of officers of the Boston Police Association, ten thousand juvenile policemen started yesterday to give the East Side of New York a spring clean-up.

Coroner John J. Phelan, recommends that Mrs. William Anthony, of Greenwich, who drowned her infant son and daughter in a bath tub on March 18, be held for trial.

State Attorney Stiles Judson, Jr., has been relieved of all duties as state attorney for Fairfield county, until July 1. The reason given for the request is that of ill health.

The Main Pavilion on Steeplechase Island, Bridgeport's shore summer resort, was blown down by a wind crash that could be heard a mile away, and it now is a mass of ruins.

Frank M. Register, of Savannah, Ga., climbed a tree directly in the rear of the city jail and proposed marriage to Miss Zeta Metlock, a young girl confined in the jail. Register was accepted.

Six Employees of the Massachusetts Chocolate company in Boston were sent to a hospital yesterday as the result of injuries received in an explosion of a boiler used for preparing cocoa.

General T. Coleman Dupont yesterday tendered his resignation as a member of the republican national committee from Delaware at a special meeting of the republican state committee.

Nearly One Half of the clinical diagnoses made in Bellevue hospital, New York were not confirmed by subsequent autopsies, according to a report of the hospital's investigating committee.

Charles F. Starrett, who is charged with beating his wife to death with an iron, uttered a threat to kill his wife yesterday in court, yesterday, while his nine children were given in to the care of relatives.

Twenty-five of the Weavers and loom fixers of the Wyandotte Worsted Mill at Waterville, Maine, who went on strike last week, returned to work yesterday after a partial adjustment of the difficulty had been made.

Exceptions to 186 Suits demanding damages of \$180,000,000 against the American Sugar Refining company and Jackson T. Witherspoon, local manager of the company, were filed in the federal court at New Orleans yesterday.

The United States weather bureau is to establish sub-stations in the Connecticut tobacco belt about May 1 in order to give the growers of tobacco the benefit of the government's service in the forecasting of storms and frosts.

Directors of the St. Louis, Southwestern railroad (The Cotton Belt route) yesterday declared a quarterly dividend of one per cent on the preferred stock. This reduces the preferred annual dividend rate from 4 to 2 per cent.

Sentence Was Reserved yesterday until next Saturday, when Hosea and Melvin Warden, brothers, members of the Columbus, Ohio, band, appeared in court and pleaded guilty upon charges of contribution to the delinquency of Hazel Trapagan, aged 17.

The United States should not make too much of the Monroe Doctrine, declared Dr. Cyrus K. Hays, president emeritus of the University of Minnesota, in an address yesterday before a large audience of preachers representing several denominations.

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Causes of Decreased Revenues.

Philadelphia, March 30.—Higher wages, higher taxes and recently enacted legislation are given by Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, as the principal causes of decreases in net operating revenue "necessitating the strenuous policy" announced last week.

Threatened a Hartford Man

Had Demanded \$5000

MAILED LETTERS THREATENING DEATH IF MONEY WAS NOT LEFT FOR HIM—PLEADS POVERTY AS THE REASON.

Hartford, Conn., March 30.—Charged with sending threatening letters to Sylvester C. Dunham, president of the Travelers Insurance company, a man giving his name as Chaucey H. Hovey of Springfield, Mass., was arrested by Detective Sergeant Melberger late today after a hand to hand fight. According to the police the man had sent letters to Mr. Dunham demanding \$5,000 and threatening him with death if he failed to leave the money in a certain designated place. The first letter was sent on March 19 and the second was mailed today. One letter was signed "Flying Arrow" and the second had the added words "A Desperate Man."

Caught by Decey Package. Detective Melberger placed a decey package containing blotting paper near a Market Street store today, and then kept a sharp lookout. Hovey was seen to take the package and then the detective attempted to arrest him. A severe hand to hand fight ensued. Hovey drew an unlicensed revolver from his pocket and threatened to shoot. Hovey, who is a powerfully built man, was apparently getting the better of the fight when the detective drew his revolver and fired twice. The police station is not far distant and assistance was soon to be had. The fight attracted quite a crowd.

Wanted Money as Loan. Hovey is in the lockup tonight and will face a hearing tomorrow morning. The police think he is demented and